

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

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| Mayor Terry Seitz           | Present |
| Board member Timothy Bell   | Present |
| Board member David Prechtel | Present |

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2015 and the memorandum from the January 27, 2015 executive session. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve both sets of minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Board members reviewed the claims from January 9, 2015 through February 5, 2015. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**SIPS, SAMPLES, AND SONG FEST**

Bridgette Bartley, representing Anderson Woods, asked permission to use the Schaeffer Barn for their event called Sips, Samples, and Song Tasters Fest. The event will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To allow for set up and tear down, they want to use the facility from 1:00 p.m. on Friday until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the Sips, Samples, and Song Tasters Fest on September 25 and 26, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

### **GO GREEN RECYCLING DAY**

Phil Mundy, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use the east side of the parking lot by the post office on Friday, March 13, 2015 and on Saturday, March 14, 2015 for Go Green Recycling Days. The public may bring their items on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Mundy asked if he could block off that area the night before so vehicles will not park in the area they want to use. When people drop off their items, they will enter the lot from 6<sup>th</sup> Street and exit onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt Go Green Recycling Day on March 13 and 14, 2015 and have the street department drop off barricades the night before the event. Motion carried 3-0.

### **OLD JASPER DAY**

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, distributed a flyer that contained the activities scheduled for Old Jasper Day which will be held on May 31, 2015. Eckerle said the board approved use of City property for this event in August 2014.

### **SUMMER RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES**

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, asked permission to use the gazebo and plaza area and waive the rental fee for the gazebo for the summer river walk concert series for 2015. Concerts, which are free to the public, are scheduled for June 6, July 11, and August 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They would like to use the area from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the Jasper Chamber of Commerce's request to use the Buehler Plaza and gazebo for concerts in the park on June 6, July 11, and August 8, 2015 and waive the rental fee for the gazebo. Motion carried 3-0.

### **POLICE VEHICLE QUOTES**

At the last meeting, the Board awarded the quote for two new police vehicles less the trade in of one 2004 Chevrolet to Sternberg Chrysler pending review and report back at the next meeting.

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett reported that the quote from Sternberg was okay and the vehicles have been ordered.

### **START HIRING PROCESS**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said he anticipates a police officer retiring this year; therefore, he asked permission to start the hiring process so when the

time comes, they can replace this officer. Since there are no more names on the applicant eligibility list, the process will take several months.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the hiring process for a police officer to begin. Motion carried 3-0.

### **2015 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented the following sidewalk areas that the City wants to replace in 2015 as part of the sidewalk replacement program:

Between Newton and Jackson from downtown north to 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Maute Street between Wagner Street and Heusler Street  
5<sup>th</sup> Street between Anderson and Mill Streets  
7<sup>th</sup> Street between St. John and Bartley Streets

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the 2015 sidewalk replacement program as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ENGINEER REPORTS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm gave the following reports and updates.

He is working on updating the city's street mileage for 2014 that needs to be reported to the State. The City will be adding .28 mile for Power Drive. A resolution for the Board's consideration will be presented at a later date.

The city hall parking lot quote that was accepted at the last meeting met the specifications.

Hurm said he is preparing bid packets for the labyrinth project. There is an alternate for the benches because there may be donations for the benches.

RE: Storm sewer projects. The Krodel-Braun Phase II project is complete. The pipe and structure is installed for the Obing Strasse project. The Worrell Drive project is on hold because of the lawsuit that was filed against the City after the wage hearing.

Hurm said he is getting the following three areas ready for Phase II:  
Golden Acres-will be a phased project  
Construct a retention basin at the end of Ashbury Court  
University Drive project

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with  X  without corrections or clarification this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**